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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the rainfall from June to the end of October 2002 month-wise and State-wise;

(b) the names of the States have been affected by drought during current Kharif crop and the number of districts of such States have been declared as drought affected, State-wise;

(c) the Central assistance provided to each State so far in order to combat drought situation and take relief measures including drinking water provision and to raise adequate Rabi crop;

(d) whether assessment of crop damage has been done;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the demand of the Government of Orissa for the Central assistance to handle the problem caused by this year`s serious drought and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): State-wise details, as reported by the India Meteorological Department, is at Annexure-I.

(b) to (e): State-wise details of districts declared drought affected by the respective States, foodgrains allocated, free of cost, under the `Special component` of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) scheme, release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2002-03 and assistance released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) initially for current drought, is indicated in the statement at Annexure-II. It is estimated that the loss of Kharif food-grains production will be of the order of 18.72%.

(f): The request of the State Government for assistance of Rs.871.40 crore from NCCF for the current drought was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC), in the meeting held on 16th November, 2002. The Committee approved Rs.120.18 crore in the first instance for a period of three months, subject to adjustment of balance in the CRF of the State. Since the State Government had adequate balance in their CRF, no amount was released to the State from NCCF. The HLC has, however, decided to review the cases of drought affected States, including Orissa, for further assistance, around mid-January, 2003.